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SUBJ: GENOA LEADERS SEE SHORT LIFE FOR ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT

1. EVEN BEFORE PRIME MINISTER MORO HAS HAD A CHANCE TO CONSTRUCT HIS ONE-PARTY DC GOVERNMENT, PROMINENT GENOA POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THAT GOVERNMENT A SHORT LIFE DEVOID OF PROGRESS ON

THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

2. DC REGIONAL SECRETARY CUOCOLO BELIEVES THAT A GOVERNMENT AS PROPOSED BY PM MORO WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO BRIDGE THE PARTY CONGRESS SEASON IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. IN ITS THREE OR FOUR MONTHS OF LIFE, THAT GOVERNMENT WILL BE TOO WEAK TO UNDERTAKE ANY NEW SUBSTANTIVE DEPARTURES. AT BEST

AND HERE CUOCOLO PROBABLY REFLECTS FORMER MINISTER TAVIANI'S THINKING

THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR A MORE BROADLY-BASED, DC-PSI GOVERNMENT. MINISTER ANDREOTTI, WHO CUOCOLO

DESCRIBED AS MORE OPEN-MINDED (SPREGIUDICATO) THAN MORO, IS PROBABLY

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THE MAN MOST SUITED TO HEAD A MORE LASTING, DC-PSI COMBINATION.

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3. ON PSI SIDE, REGIONAL SECRETARY MENTI SEES ABSENCE OF DC-PSI SUB-

STANTIVE ACCORD AS CREATING SERIOUS POSSIBILITY OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECT-

IONS BY NOVEMBER. FINALLY, PSDI LEADER AND FORMER MINISTER BEMPORAD
ALSO BELIEVS GOVERNMENT WILL BE SHORT-LIVED. AS WOULD BE EXPECTED
HE STRESSED THAT ANY DC-PSI ACCORD WOULD ONLY SERVE TO WEAKEN ITALIAN
ATTACHMENT TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. BRUN
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